

**DOG RIVER:** WSA Executive Director Peter Frost, inset, says Dog River is uncontaminated. He says there is only a 10

percent chance that dumping in the Basket Creek basin would affect the river in the future.

## WSA says Dog River not contaminated

By Keith Strawn  
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In an effort to alleviate fears about the most important future source of Douglas County's drinking water, Peter Frost has reiterated that Dog River is not contaminated.

The statement came at the April 4 meeting of the Douglasville-Douglas County Water Sewer Authority on Hospital Drive.

Frost, executive director of the WSA, was responding to concerns which came from a March 31

newspaper article. Among other things, the article raised questions about possible damage done to the Dog River basin because of toxic dumping done in the past in the county by private companies.

Frost acknowledged dumping had occurred in the Basket Creek basin but said subsequent testing has been conducted since the publication of the article which found Dog River to be unaffected. The Georgia state geologist was also contacted and Frost was told there is about a 10 percent chance the river could be affected in the

future.

In other business, the authority elected new officers for the upcoming year. Authority Chairman Earl Cosgrove was re-elected along with Vice Chairman Tom Merrifield and Secretary Charlotte Lockhart.

In other action, the authority awarded a one-year contract to A-Buck Asphalt Paving Co. for delivery and installation of asphalt pavement. A-Buck was the only company that responded to the bids which began Feb. 5.

The anticipated cost of contract is \$45,000.

The WSA has been named finalist in the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia County Innovation Exchange Awards program designed to recognize unique ideas in management.

The WSA was selected as only two counties from the state to compete for top honors in infrastructure categories for counties with populations of more than 50,000.

## School board unveils new Mashburn plans

By Michael Reilly  
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The Douglas County Board of Education discussed and then approved the blueprints for construction of the new Mashburn Building at Douglas County High School.

Action took place at the April 1 meeting at school board headquarters on Gurley Road.

Representatives from the Lord, Aeck and Sargent architectural firm were on hand to unveil the plans for the board.

The Mashburn Building was destroyed in a Dec. 20 fire that was allegedly the result of arson. Demolition of the building took

from 74,000 square feet to 90,338 square feet with the addition of a media center, a gymnasium and four special education classrooms.

"We all approved and liked the plans for the building," said Board of Education Chairman Tom Streadorf. "We're glad we didn't have to alter them."

Work on Stewart Middle School is expected to start immediately.

The school board also accepted a bid of \$1,687,000 from Ricks Contractors Inc. of Stone Mountain for additions, renovations and modifications for Burnett Elementary School. The original budget was \$2.1 million.

"We are delighted to see \$1,687,000," said Robinson. "We are also delighted to see Ricks doing a lot of similar work at schools in other counties."

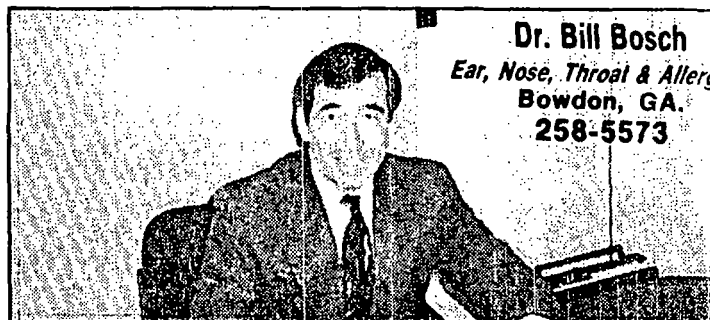
Ricks will begin construction April 5.



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